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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
10	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Criminal Case No. 07 - 00 029
11	Plaintiff,)
12)) COMPLAINT
13	LI, ZONG GUO,
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15	Defendant.
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18	THE UNDERSIGNED COMPLAINANT CHARGES UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF THAT:
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20	CONCRED A CV. TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMBHET AMDIE HVDPOCHI OPIDE
21	CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE Beginning on or about May 8, 2007, up to and including November 7, 2007, in the District of
22	the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI, ZONG GUO, the defendant, did knowingly
23 24	and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate and agree with others known and unknown to
25	distribute methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), a schedule II controlled
26	substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1).
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COUNT TWO

<u>DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT</u> TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

On or about October 25, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly, distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance, to wit, approximately 0.8 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

COUNT THREE

DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

On or about October 26, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly, distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance, to wit, approximately 0.9 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

COUNT FOUR

DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE NEAR A SCHOOL

On or about October 26, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, to wit, approximately 0.9 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), near a high school located in Koblerville, Saipan, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 860(a).

COUNT FIVE

DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

On or about October 30, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly, distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance, to wit, approximately 0.9 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

COUNT SIX

DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE NEAR A SCHOOL

On or about October 30, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, to wit, approximately 0.9 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), near a high school located in Koblerville, Saipan, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 860(a).

COUNT SEVEN

POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

On or about November 7, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly, possessed with intent to distribute a schedule II controlled substance, to wit, approximately 73 gross (including packaging) grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A).

COUNT EIGHT

ATTEMPTED DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE NEAR A SCHOOL

On or about November 7, 2007, in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, LI ZONG GUO, the defendant, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, to wit, approximately 73 gross (including packaging) grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride (commonly known as "ice"), near a high school located in Koblerville, Saipan, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 860(a).

COMPLAINANT FURTHER STATES:

- 1. I, DANIEL G. HOLCOMB, am a Special Agent with the DEA and have been so employed for about eight and one-half years. I am assigned to the DEA's Saipan Post of Duty (Saipan POD), located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The following is based on my own investigation or was provided to me by other law enforcement officers who participated in and are familiar with this investigation.
- 2. On May 8, 2007, at approximately 7:45 a.m., DEA agents and task force officers (TFO's) assigned to the Saipan POD arrested Paul Villanueva ADA on an outstanding Federal arrest warrant issued in the District of the Commonwealth of the Northern Islands (CNMI) for violations of Title 21 USC 841(a)(1): Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Distribute, and Title 21 USC 846: Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Distribute. Following his arrest, ADA waived his constitutional rights and provided information regarding other narcotics traffickers in the CNMI.
- 3. ADA stated that he knew a methamphetamine trafficker, Mr. LI (later identified by officers as the defendant, LI Zong Guo), who distributed methamphetamine on Saipan. ADA stated that he had purchased up to one gram of methamphetamine from LI on several occasions prior to his (ADA's) arrest. ADA stated that he called telephone number (670) 287-1083 to order

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methamphetamine from LI, and he frequently met LI at the Saipan International School (SIS) in As Lito, Saipan, to pick up the methamphetamine. ADA then told arresting officers that he was willing to call LI and order methamphetamine from him.

- On May 8, 2007, at approximately 9:53 a.m., ADA, at the direction of SA Deborah 4. Muusers and TFO Norman Rasiang, placed a recorded telephone call to LI at telephone number (670) 287-1083. ADA asked LI if he (ADA) could buy "five bucks" (a reference to five grams) of methamphetamine from LI for \$2000.00. LI told ADA to meet him (LI) at the SIS in ten minutes.
- 5. Officers then established physical and video surveillance at the SIS. At approximately 10:20 a.m., surveillance officers saw a dark green Toyota Tacoma pickup truck driving west towards the SIS. ADA advised officers that the driver of the Toyota pickup truck was his methamphetamine source of supply (SOS), LI. Surveillance officers watched LI turn north near SIS and then make a Uturn in the field northeast of SIS. LI then slowed near SIS, and surveillance officers gave the signal to take LI into custody. When officers moved to arrest LI, he resisted briefly before being subdued by officers. A search of LI and his vehicle did not reveal any methamphetamine.
- 6. LI then gave SA Muusers verbal consent to search his residence, located in a barracks in As Lito, Saipan. During the search of LI's residence, SA Muusers and CNMI Det. Alfred Celes recovered numerous small ziplock baggies and an empty straw, which based on my training and experience, are consistent with the materials used to package methamphetamine for further distribution. SA Muusers and Det. Celes also recovered LI's Chinese passport and several CNMI seals that appeared to be used for making forged CNMI documents. Officers transported LI to the Saipan POD, where he was advised of his Miranda warning through a Mandarin language interpreter. LI refused to sign the Miranda warning, but he advised SA Muusers that he was taking vegetables to his friend when he turned around in front of the SIS immediately prior to his arrest. Upon consultation with the United States Attorney's Office, SA Muusers released LI pending further investigation.
 - 7. On October 22, 2007, a CNMI Cooperating Source (CS) provided information to Det.

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27 28 Celes regarding LI's methamphetamine trafficking in Saipan. The CS told Det. Celes that LI was distributing methamphetamine in Saipan. The CS stated that LI used telephone number (670) 287-3988 to receive telephonic orders for methamphetamine from his customers. The CS also stated that LI used to drive a green Toyota pickup truck, but was currently driving a white Nissan sedan.

- 8. On October 25, 2007, at approximately 6:24 p.m., CNMI detectives placed audio recording equipment on the CS, gave the CS \$200.00 official government funds and instructed the CS to drive to LI's residence, located on Afetnas Road, in Afetnas, Saipan, and attempt to purchase methamphetamine from LI. Surveillance officers followed the CS to LI's residence and watched the CS meet with LI. At approximately 6:37 p.m., CNMI detectives overheard LI tell the CS to wait while he (LI) obtained the methamphetamine that the CS requested. At approximately 6:39 p.m., CNMI detectives watched the CS leave LI's residence, and the CS indicated over the audio recording device that s/he completed the methamphetamine transaction with LI. Surveillance officers followed LI to a pre-arranged location, where they recovered approximately 25 gross grams (evidence packaging included) (approximately 0.8 net grams) of a crushed, glass-like substance from the CS. When CNMI detectives field-tested the substance, it tested positive for methamphetamine.
- 9. On October 26, 2007, CNMI detectives met with the CS again. At approximately 3:06 p.m., at the direction of Det. Celes, the CS placed a recorded telephone call to LI at telephone number (670) 287-3398. During the conversation, the CS asked LI deliver \$200.00 of methamphetamine to the CS. LI told the CS to meet him/her at the Hanam Market, located in Koblerville, Saipan, which is less than 1000 feet from the Saipan Southern High School (SSHS). Following the telephone call, CNMI detectives followed the CS, who was again equipped with audio recording devices, to the Hanam Market.
- 10. At approximately 3:24 p.m., surveillance officers saw LI arrive in the parking lot of the Hanam Market driving a white Nissan sedan with CNMI license plate ABD-139 (R/O: LI, Zong

The CS was arrested by the CNMI Department of Public Safety (DPS) for narcotics violations, and is currently providing information to law enforcement in exchange for prosecution and sentencing consideration regarding these charges. The CS has no other criminal history, and to the knowledge of law enforcement officers, the CS has never provided false or misleading information.

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27 28 Guo, P.O. Box 419, Koblerville, Saipan, MP) and park next to the CS' vehicle. Surveillance officers saw the CS get out of his/her vehicle and get into LI's vehicle. At approximately 3:25 p.m., surveillance officers watched LI drive across the street with the CS still in his vehicle and park at the Beauty Salon. Shortly thereafter, surveillance officers watched the CS get out of LI's vehicle and walk back across the street to his/her vehicle parked in the Hanam Market parking lot. While watching the CS, surveillance officers overheard the CS state that s/he completed the methamphetamine transaction with LI. Surveillance officers followed the CS away from the Hanam Market to a pre-arranged location, where they recovered approximately 24 gross grams (evidence packaging included)(approximately 0.8 net grams) of a crushed, glass-like substance from the CS. When CNMI detectives field-tested the substance, it tested positive for methamphetamine.

- On October 30, 2007, Det. Celes met again with the CS. At approximately 8:14 p.m., 11. the CS, at the direction of Det. Celes, placed a recorded telephone call to LI at telephone number (670) 287-3988. During the conversation, the CS ordered \$250.00 of methamphetamine from LI, and LI directed the CS to meet him at the Hanam Market in Koblerville, Saipan, which is less than 1000 feet from the SSHS. Following the telephone call, surveillance officers followed the CS, who was again equipped with audio recording devices, to the Hanam Market. When the CS arrived at the Hanam Market, s/he got out of his/her vehicle and stood next to it in the parking lot.
- 12. At approximately 8:30 p.m., surveillance officers saw LI arrive in a white Nissan sedan with CNMI license plate ABD-139 and park in the parking lot of the Hanam Market. Surveillance agents watched the CS walk from his/her vehicle to LI's vehicle and get into the vehicle. At approximately 8:32 p.m., surveillance officers watched the CS get out of LI's vehicle and walk to his/her vehicle. Surveillance officers watched LI leave the Hanam Market parking lot, and then followed the CS to a pre-arranged location. At the pre-arranged location, surveillance officers recovered approximately 24 gross grams (evidence packaging included) (approximately 0.9 grams) of a crushed, glass-like substance from the CS. When CNMI detectives field-tested the substance, it tested positive for methamphetamine.
 - 13. On November 6, 2007, the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern

Mariana Islands issued a search warrant for LI's residence located on Afetnas Road, Afetnas, Saipan, and for LI's vehicle, a white Nissan sedan with CNMI license plate ABD-139. On November 7, 2007, the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands issued an arrest warrant for LI for violations of Title 6 Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands Code §2141: Trafficking of a Controlled Substance, and Title 6 Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands Code §2142: Possession of a Controlled Substance.

- 14. On November 7, 2007, at approximately 12:36 p.m., the CS met with Det. Celes again. The CS, at the direction of Det. Celes, placed a recorded telephone call to LI at telephone number (670) 287-3398. The CS asked LI to deliver \$250.00 of methamphetamine, and LI directed the CS to meet him in the Hanam Market parking lot in Koblerville, Saipan, which is located less than 1000 feet from the SSHS.
- the Hanam Market. At approximately 12:45 p.m., surveillance officers watched LI arrive in the area of the Hanam Market driving a white Nissan sedan with CNMI license plate ABD-139. Surveillance officers watched LI drive slowly past the Hanam Market parking lot and turn down a side street near the Hanam Market. Surveillance officers then attempted to use their vehicles to block in LI's vehicle and arrest him. LI then fled from surveillance officers in his vehicle, driving head-on at a vehicle being operated by CNMI Sgt. Paul Ogumoro. LI then led surveillance officers on a pursuit through the village of Koblerville. During this pursuit, LI threw three different packages of a crushed, glass-like substance out of the window of his vehicle while driving down Adobo Road. All of the packages were recovered by surveillance officers during the pursuit. These packages, which weighed 49 gross grams (evidence packaging included), later field-tested positive for methamphetamine.
- 16. As LI attempted to evade law enforcement officers, he drove in excess of the posted speed limit, drove in the middle of the roadway in both travel lanes, and drove head-on at the vehicles being operated by CNMI detectives. On one occasion, CNMI Det. Celes, who was wearing a black vest with the word "POLICE" on the front and back, exited his vehicle, approached LI's vehicle and attempted to open the driver's side door of LI's vehicle. When Det. Celes tried to open

the door, LI sped away, forcing Det. Celes to jump out of the path of LI's vehicle to avoid being run down. LI then turned down an unmarked, dead-end dirt road in Koblerville. At the end of the road, LI jumped out of his vehicle and attempted to run into the jungle. Surveillance officers, all of whom were wearing vests with the word "POLICE" on the front and back, exited their vehicles and pursued LI on foot. During the pursuit, CNMI Det. Elias Saralu struck a piece of tin that was attached to a building at the end of the road, which caused Det. Saralu to sustain a large laceration to his left leg.² Surveillance officers then tackled LI. After a brief struggle, officers subdued and handcuffed LI. CNMI detectives searched LI immediately following his arrest, and they recovered a silver LG cellular telephone with telephone number (670) 287-3988.

- 17. CNMI detectives then transported LI and his vehicle to the Saipan POD. At the Saipan POD, CNMI detectives assisted LI with cleaning the mud off him and provided him with a change of clothes. CNMI detectives also provided LI with food and water. While waiting for a Mandarin Chinese interpreter, CNMI detectives searched LI's vehicle pursuant to the CNMI search warrant. During the search, CNMI Det. Peter Camacho recovered a small zip lock bag with a crushed, glass-like substance that weighed approximately 24 gross grams (evidence packaging included) from inside the steering wheel. When CNMI detectives field-tested this substance, it tested positive for methamphetamine.
- 18. After LI's arrest, CNMI detectives also executed the CNMI search warrant at LI's residence in Afetnas, Saipan. During the search of LI's residence, CNMI detectives recovered 93 small ziplock bags similar to those used to package the methamphetamine sold to the CS and recovered during the pursuit of LI. CNMI detectives also recovered two white plastic straws covered in white, powdery residue. Based on my training and experience, these materials are consistent with the materials used to package methamphetamine for distribution.
 - 19. At approximately 4:25 p.m., DEA contract interpreter Perry Lo read LI his Miranda

Det. Saralu was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center, where he received thirteen stitches to close the laceration to his leg.

warning in Mandarin Chinese. LI stated that he understood the Miranda warning. LI then signed the Miranda warning waiver, and he agreed to answer questions.

- 20. LI initially denied that he was in possession of methamphetamine during the vehicle pursuit. LI then recanted and admitted to possessing the methamphetamine that he threw out of his vehicle during the pursuit, and he stated that he purchased the methamphetamine from a "local" for personal use. LI then recanted this statement, and he admitted that he received the methamphetamine from an unidentified Chinese source of supply. LI stated that he ordered the methamphetamine by calling telephone number (670) 287-8270. LI stated that after ordering the methamphetamine, he picked it up at the old airport in Koblerville, Saipan. LI then stated that he planned to sell some of the methamphetamine that he threw out of his vehicle during the pursuit. LI also admitted that he was going to sell or give away the methamphetamine that CNMI detectives found in the steering wheel of LI's vehicle. LI also admitted to selling and "giving" methamphetamine to his friends in Saipan.
- 21. Following LI's interview, CNMI police officers transported LI to the CNMI Department of Corrections, where he was booked into custody for multiple violations of CNMI controlled substance laws.

DANIEL G. HOLCOMB, Special Agent Drug Enforcement Administration

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 2 day of December 2007.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE